

Healthy Communities

HEALTH AND WELLNESS AT THE LIBRARY



Learning Objectives

Evaluate the quality of online health information

Recall and locate at least one National Library of Medicine health resource

•Identify, select, and provide appropriate health information for patrons

Develop ideas to create health related programs and services



Who we are

Health Resources

Health Information Evaluation

Health Reference

Implementation

Professional Development



Who We Are



- National Institutes of Health
- Nation's research agency
- 27 institutes and offices

NLM

- National Library of Medicine
- World's largest biomedical library

NNLM

- National Network of Libraries of Medicine
- Program of the NLM comprised of 8 Regional Medical Libraries (RMLs) and 5 offices

PNR

- Pacific Northwest Region (NNLM PNR)
- Is one of the 8 RMLs
- Serves Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington



Public Libraries

LINKING SOCIAL SERVICES & HEALTH

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Beyond Books: Public Libraries As Partners For Population Health

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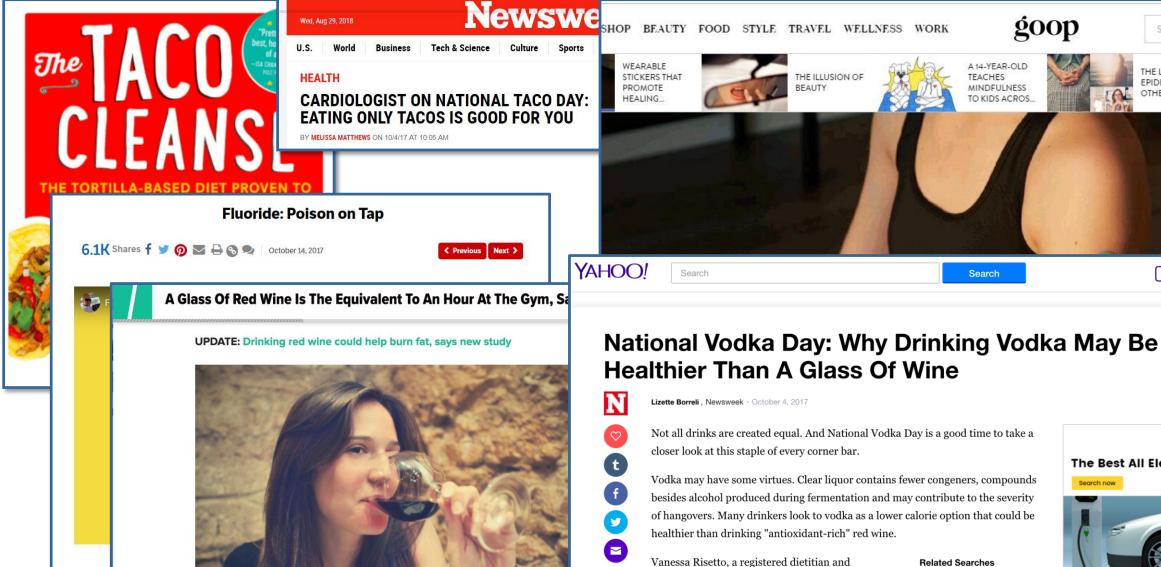
ABSTRACT Public libraries are not usually included in discussions about improving population health. They are, however, well positioned to be partners in building a culture of health through programming that addresses the social determinants of health. The Healthy Library Initiative, a partnership between the University of Pennsylvania and the Free Library of Philadelphia (the public library system that serves the city), has undertaken such efforts in Philadelphia. In this article we report findings from an assessment of how ten highly subscribed programs address the social determinants of health, as well as results of interviews with community residents and library staff. Of the 5.8 million in-person Free Library visits in 2015, 500,000 included attendance at specialized programs that addressed multiple health determinants, such as housing and literacy. Library staff provided intensive support to vulnerable populations including homeless people, people with mental illness and substance use, recent immigrants, and children and families suffering from trauma. We found that public libraries are trusted institutions that have broad population reach and untapped potential to

- Universally supported (almost)
- Are essential to community well-being
- Play a critical role in promoting child and adult literacy
- Sources of consumer health information

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Popular in the Community



Consumer Health Questions

- "My mom is starting to forget things but how do I know if it's Alzheimer's?"
- "Why did my doctor put me on Prozac?"
- "I want to find more about that diet thing Dr. Oz talked about the other day."
- "I just found out my son may have Marfan syndrome. Do you have a book about it?"
- "My 23andMe test said I could get breast cancer, what do I do now?"

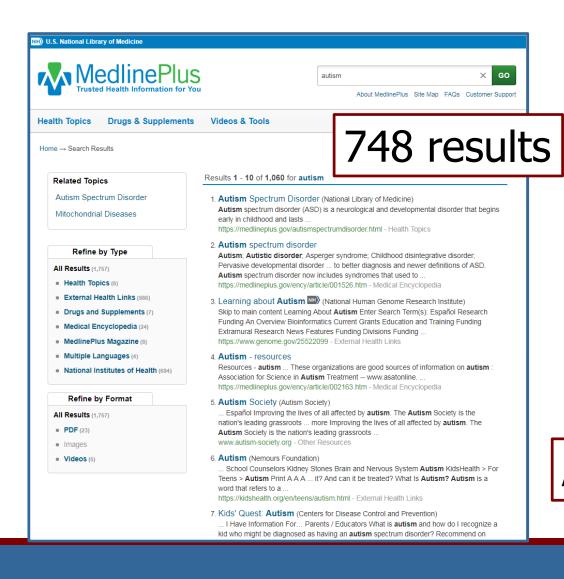


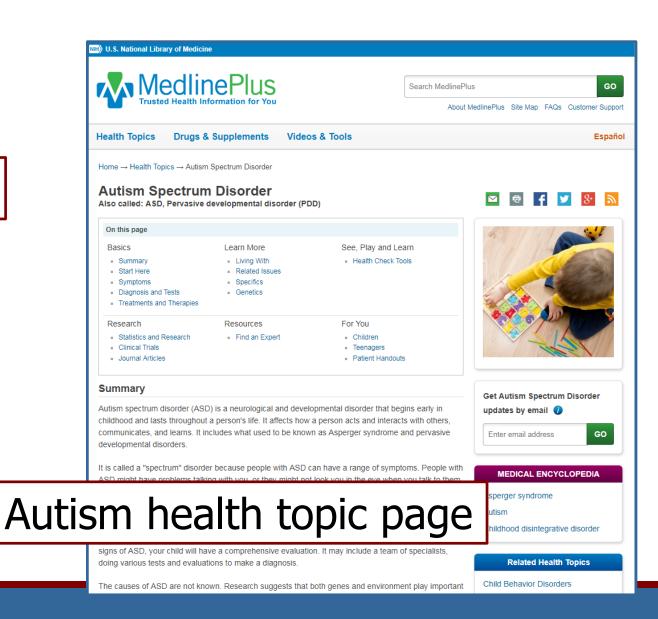
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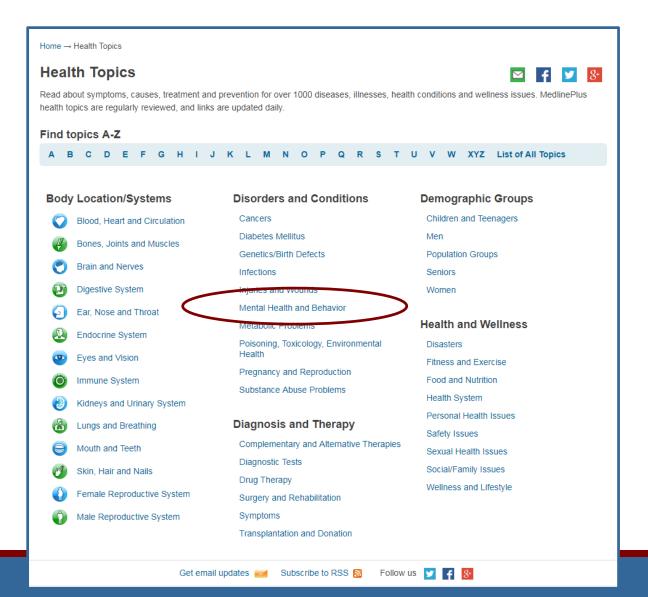
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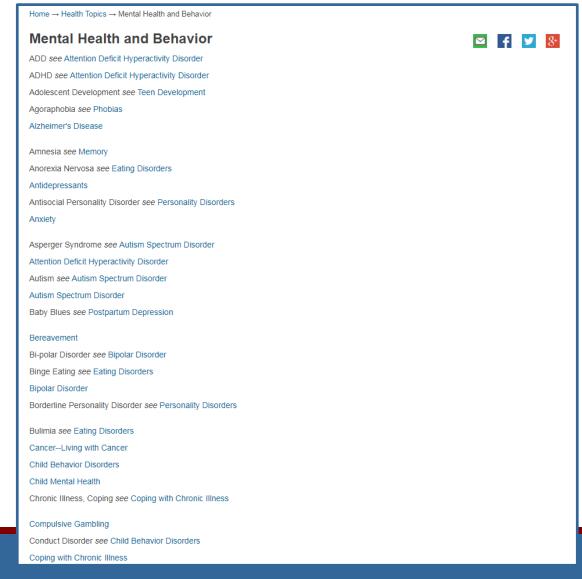
MedlinePlus

https://medlineplus.gov/



MedlinePlus- health topic search





MedlinePlus- health topic page



Summary

Being a teenager is hard. You're under stress to be liked, do well in school, get along with your family and make big decisions. You can't avoid most of these pressures, and worrying about them is normal But feeling very sad, hopeless or worthless could be warning signs of a mental health problem.

Teenagers

Patient Handouts

Find an Expert

Mental health problems are real, painful, and sometimes severe. You might need help if you have the signs mentioned above, or if you

- · Often feel very angry or very worried
- · Feel grief for a long time after a loss or death
- . Think your mind is controlled or out of control
- Use alcohol or drugs

Statistics and Research

Clinical Trials

Journal Articles

- · Exercise, diet and/or binge-eat obsessively
- Hurt other people or destroy property
- . Do reckless things that could harm you or others
- · Feel depressed (sad and hopeless)

Mental health problems can be treated. To find help, talk to your parents, school counselor, or health care provider.

Start Here

Child and Adolescent Mental Health (National Institute of Mental Health)

- . Mental Health Conditions (Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health)
- Understanding Your Teen's Emotional Health (American Academy of Family Physicians)
 Also in Spanish

Diagnosis and Tests

- Comprehensive Psychiatric Evaluation (American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry)
 Also in Spanish
- Mental Health and Teens: Watch for Danger Signs (American Academy of Pediatrics)
 Also in Spanish

Treatments and Therapies

- 11 Questions to Ask Before Psychiatric Hospitalization of Your Child or Adolescent (American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry) - PDF Also in Spanish
- Antidepressant Medications for Children and Adolescents: Information for Parents and Caregivers (National Institute of Mental Health)
- Antidepressants for Children and Teens (Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)
 Also in Spanish
- Going to a Therapist (Nemours Foundation)
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- Mental Health Medications NH (National Institute of Mental Health)
- Psychotherapies for Children and Adolescents (American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry)
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- Residential Treatment Programs (American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry)

Related Issues

- . BAM! Guide to Getting Along (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- Coping with Cliques (Nemours Foundation)
 Also in Spanish
- Dealing with a Health Condition (Nemours Foundation)

 Also in Septime.
- How Can I Deal with My Anger (Nemours Foundation)
- How Can I Help a Friend Who Cuts? (Nemours Foundation)

 Also in Spanish
- . Partnering with Your Child's School: A Guide for Parents (HSC Foundation) PDF
- Peer Pressure (Nemours Foundation)
 Also in Spanish
- Resilience for Teens: Got Rounce? (American Revolution)

Self-Harm

Teen Depression

Also in Spanis

Trichotillomania (Nemours Foundation)

Health Check Tools

How's Your Self-Esteem? (Quiz) (Nemours Foundation)

Statistics and Research

- Children's Mental Health: Data & Statistics (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- Combinations of Types of Mental Health Services Received in the Past Year Among Young Adults (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
- Heritability Maps May Hold Clues to Delayed Onset of Mental Disorders
 (National Institute of Mental Health)
- Psychotropic Medication Use among Adolescents: United States, 2005-2010 (National Center for Health Statistics)
- Therapy Reduces Risk in Suicidal Youth (National Institute of Mental Health)
- Use of Selected Nonmedication Mental Health Services by Adolescent Boys and Girls with Serious Emotional or Behavioral Difficulties: United States, 2010-2012 (National Center for Health Statistics)

Clinical Trials

ClinicalTrials.gov: Teen Mental Health (National Institutes of Health)

Journal Articles

References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

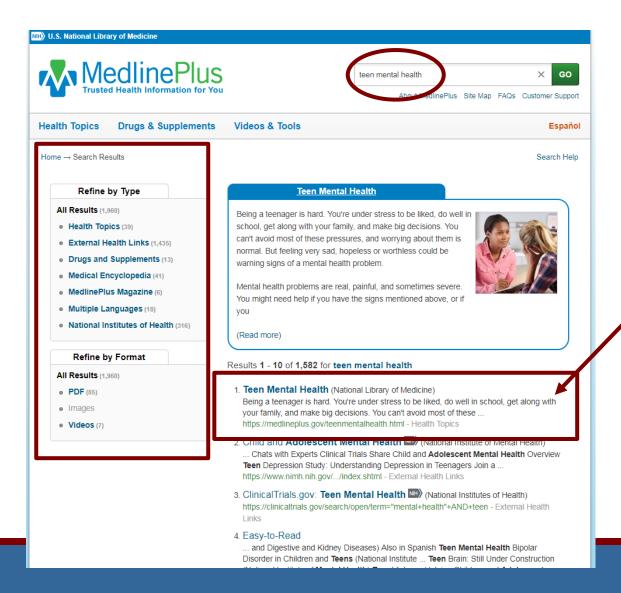
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- . Article: The effect of Three-Circle Post Standing (Zhanzhuang) Qigong on the...
- Article: Examining the relationship between sports participation and youth developmental outcomes...
- · Teen Mental Health -- see more articles
- . Teen mental health problems -- see more articles

Find an Expert

- · American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Services Locator (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
- . KidsHealth (Nemours Foundation)
- National Institute of Mental Health NIH)
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
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- Psychologist Locator (American Psychological Association)



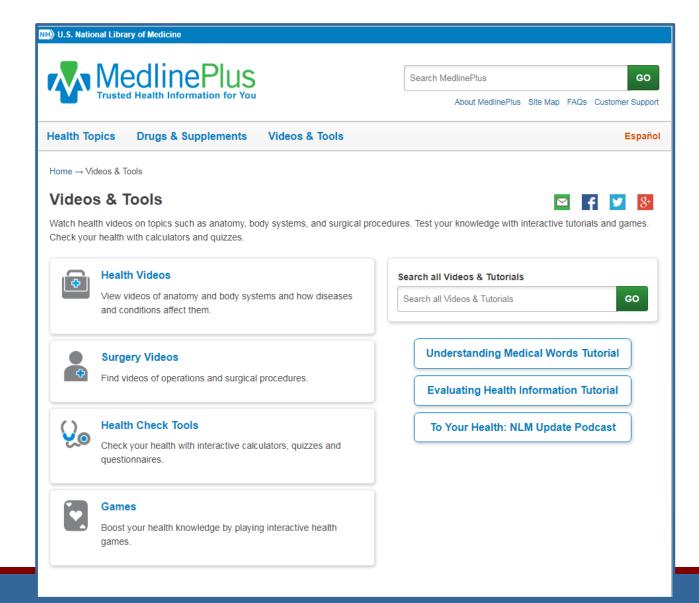
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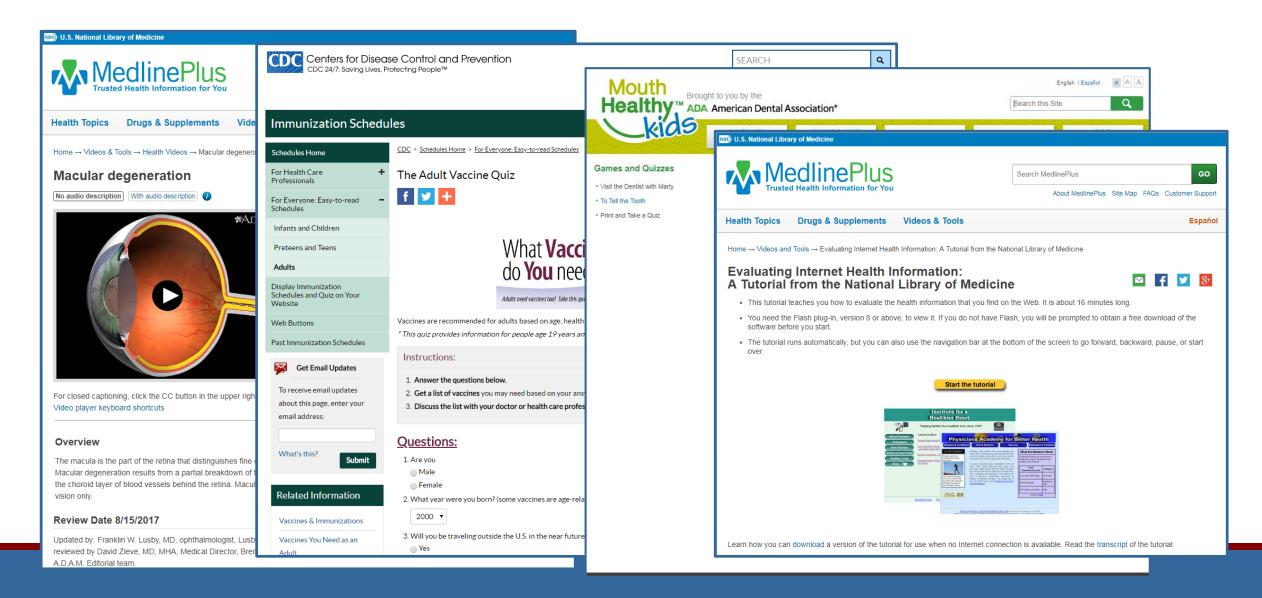
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NIH- National Institutes of Health





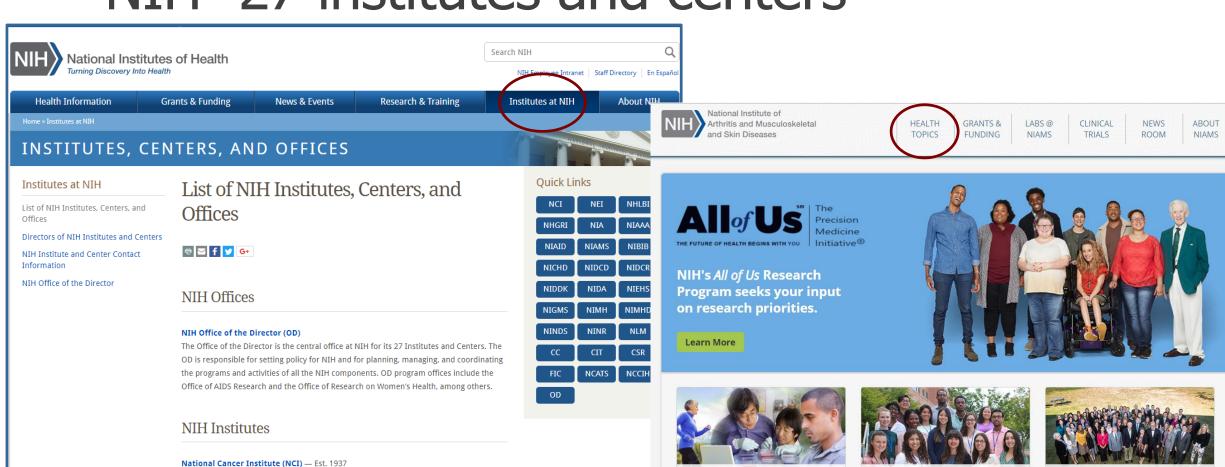
NIH- 27 institutes and centers

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that will lead to a future in which we can prevent cancer before it starts, identify cancers that do develop at the earliest stage, eliminate cancers through innovative treatment interventions, and biologically control those cancers that we cannot eliminate so they

become manageable, chronic diseases.



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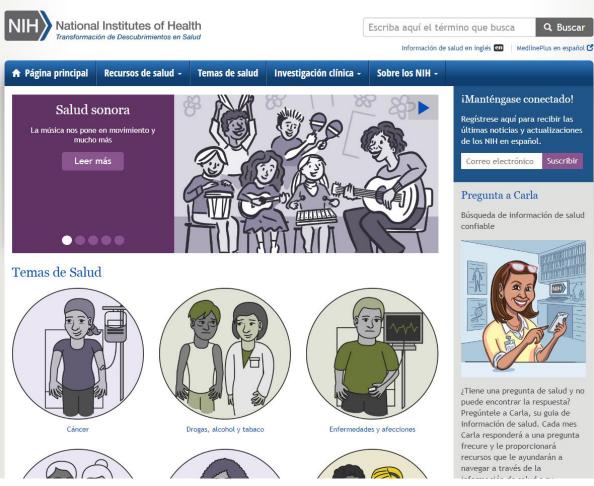
NIAMS Coalition: See recent

Multi-lingual and Multi-cultural

MEDLINEPLUS AND OTHER RESOURCES



NIH and MedlinePlus- Spanish



NIH information in Spanish https://salud.nih.gov/



MedlinePlus in Spanish



MedlinePlus- multiple languages





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Ջրծաղիկի պատվաստան

Ինչ պետք է իմանաք

1 Ինչու՞ պատվաստում ստանալ

Ջրծաղիկը (որը նաև անվանում են «վարիցելա») տարածված մանկական հիվանդություն է։ Այն սովորաբար ընթանում է մեղմ, սակայն կարող է նան լինել լուրջ՝ մանավանդ նորածինների և մեծահասակների մոտ։

- Այն առաջացնում է ցան, քոր, տենդ և հոգնածություն։
- Այն կարող է հանգեցնել մաշկի ծանր վարակների, սպիների, թոքաբորբի, ուղեղի ժսասվածքների կամ մահվան։
- Ջրծաղիկի վիրուսը կարող է փոխանցվել մարդուց մարդ օդակաթիլային կամ ջրծաղիկի պատճառով առաջացած բշտիկներից հեղուկին դիպչելու Ճանապարհով:
- Ջրծաղիկ տարածների մոտ տարիներ անց կարող է առաջանալ ցավոտ ցան, որն ստացել է «գոտեորքին» անվանումը:
- Պատվաստանյութի մշակումից առաջ Միացյալ Նահանգներում ամեն տարի մոտ 11 000 մարդ ջրծաղիկի պատձառով հոսպիտալացվում էր։
- Պատվաստանյութի մշակումից առաջ Միացյալ Նահանգներում ամեն տարի ջրծաղիկից մահանում էր մոտ 100 մարդ։

Ջրծաղիկի պատվաստանյութը կարող է կանխարգելել հիվանդությունը։

Ջրծաղիկի դեմ պատվաստում ստացած մարդկանց մեծամասնությունը ջրծաղիկով չի իիվանդանում։ Սակայն, եթե ջրծաղիկի դեմ պատվաստում ստացած մարդը իիվանդանա ջրծաղիկով, ապա հիվանդության ընթացքը մերմ կիլին։ Էնս մարդկանց մոտ արթան շատ բշտիկ չի առաջանում, նրանց մոտ ավելի հազվադեպ է բարձրանում բեղմությունը, նրանք ավելի արագ են ապաքինվում։

2 Ո՞վ պետք է ստանա ջրծաղիկի դեմ պատվաստում և ե՞րբ

Պլանային պատվաստում

Այն երեխաները, որոնք երբեք ջրծաղիկ չեն տարել, պետք է ստանան պատվաստման 2 դեղաչափ հետևյալ տարիքներում.

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Varicella VIS - Armenian (3/13/08)

VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENT

Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine:

Many Vaccine Information Statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See www.immunize.org/vis

Hojas de información sobre vacunas están disponibles en español y en muchos otros idiomas. Visite www.immunize.org/vis

1 Why get vaccinated?

Varicella (also called chickenpox) is a very contagious viral disease. It is caused by the varicella zoster virus. Chickenpox is usually mild, but it can be serious in infants under 12 months of age, adolescents, adults, pregnant women, and people with weakened immune systems.

Chickenpox causes an itchy rash that usually lasts about a week. It can also cause:

- fever
 - tiredness
 - · loss of appetite
 - headache

More serious complications can include:

- skin infections
- · infection of the lungs (pneumonia)
- · inflammation of blood vessels
- swelling of the brain and/or spinal cord coverings (encephalitis or meningitis)
- · blood stream, bone, or joint infections

Some people get so sick that they need to be hospitalized. It doesn't happen often, but people can die from chickenpox. Before varicella vaccine, almost everyone in the United States got chickenpox, an average of 4 million people each

Children who get chickenpox usually miss at least 5 or 6 days of school or childcare.

Some people who get chickenpox get a painful rash called shingles (also known as herpes zoster) years later.

Chickenpox can spread easily from an infected person to anyone who has not had chickenpox and has not gotten chickenpox vaccine.

2 Chickenpox vaccine

Children 12 months through 12 years of age should get 2 doses of chickenpox vaccine, usually:

- First dose: 12 through 15 months of age
- · Second dose: 4 through 6 years of age

People 13 years of age or older who didn't get the vaccine when they were younger, and have never had chickenpox, should get 2 doses at least 28 days apart.

A person who previously received only one dose of chickenpox vaccine should receive a second dose to complete the series. The second dose should be given at least 3 months after the first dose for those younger than 13 years, and at least 28 days after the first dose for those 13 years of age or older.

There are no known risks to getting chickenpox vaccine at the same time as other vaccines.

There is a combination vaccine called MMRV that contains both chickenpox and MMR vaccines. MMRV is an option for some children 12 months through 12 years of age. There is a separate Vaccine Information Statement for MMRV. Your health care provider can give you more information.

Some people should not get this vaccine

Tell your vaccine provider if the person getting the vaccine:

- Has any severe, life-threatening allergies. A person who
 has ever had a life-threatening allergic reaction after a dose
 of chickenpox vaccine, or has a severe allergy to any part
 of this vaccine, may be advised not to be vaccinated. Ask
 your health care provider if you want information about
 vaccine components.
- Is pregnant, or thinks she might be pregnant. Pregnant women should wait to get chickenpox vaccine until after they are no longer pregnant. Women should avoid getting pregnant for at least 1 month after getting chickenpox
- Has a weakened immune system due to disease (such as cancer or HIV/AIDS) or medical treatments (such as radiation, immunotherapy, steroids, or chemotherapy).
- Has a parent, brother, or sister with a history of immune system problems.
- Is taking salicylates (such as aspirin). People should avoid using salicylates for 6 weeks after getting varicella
- Has recently had a blood transfusion or received other blood products. You might be advised to postpone chickenpox vaccination for 3 months or more.
- · Has tuberculosis.

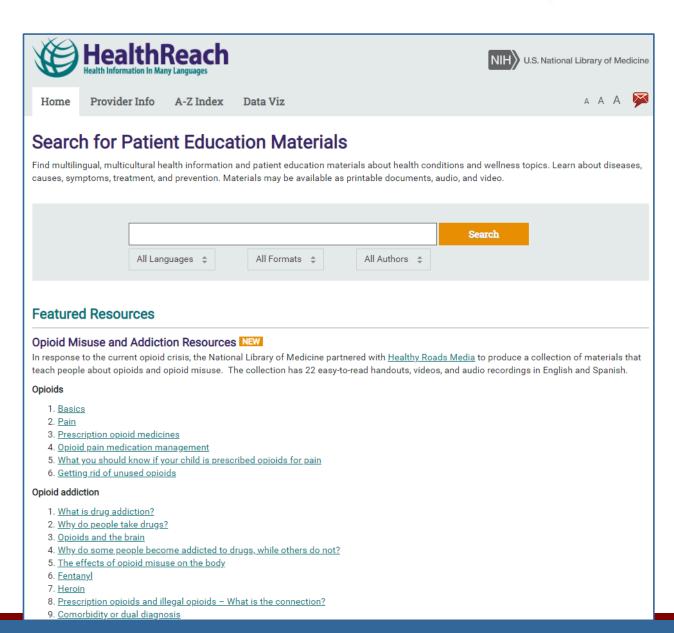




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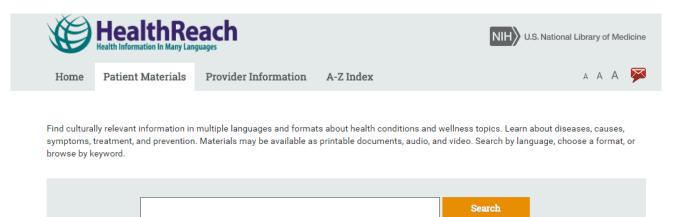
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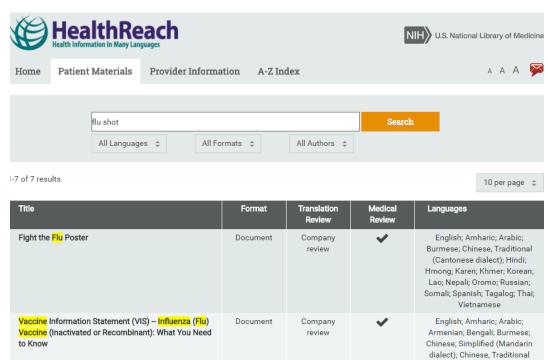


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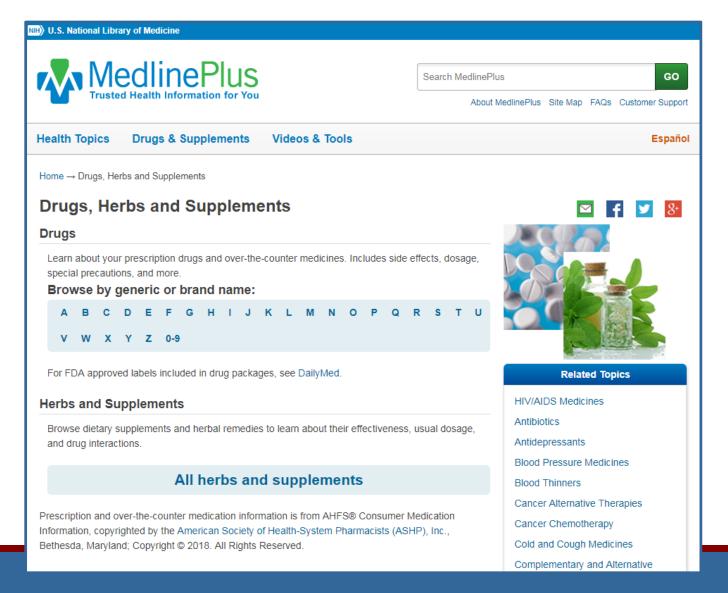
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Drug Information

INCLUDING HERBAL AND SUPPLEMENTS

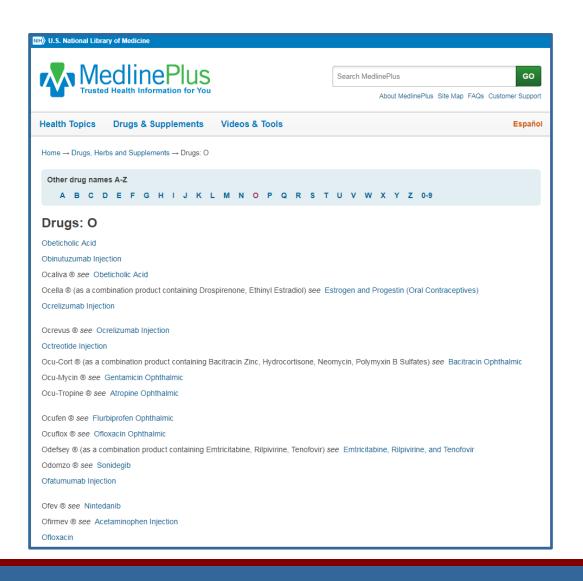


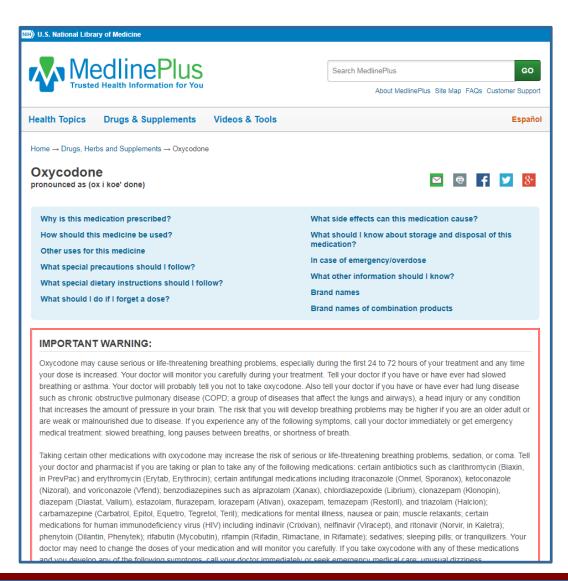
MedlinePlus- Drugs & Supplements





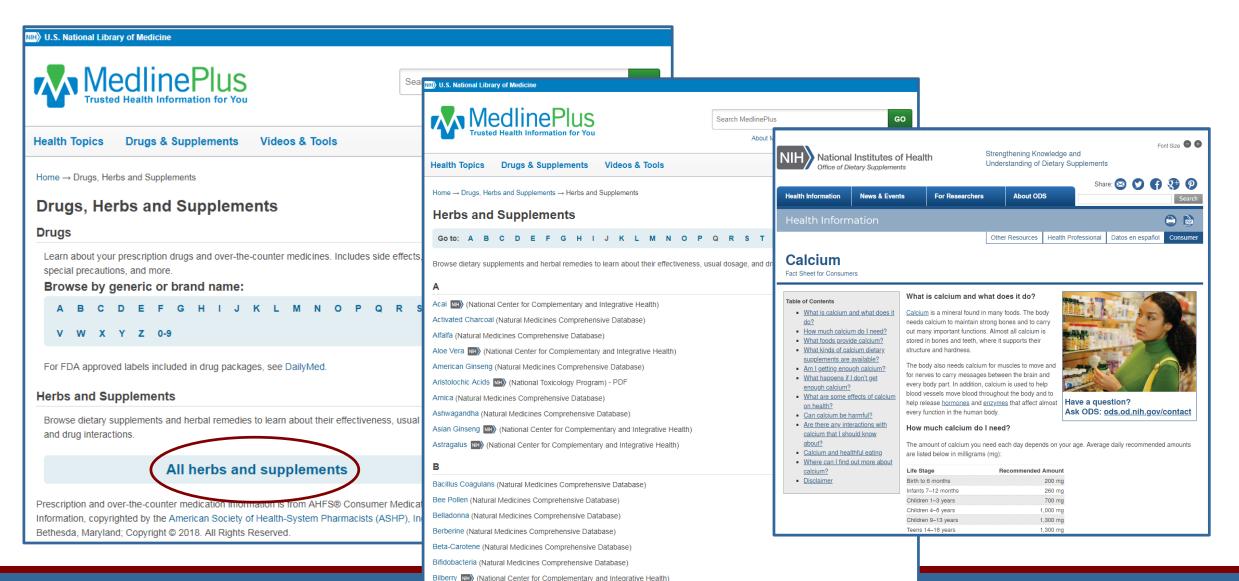
MedlinePlus- drug information





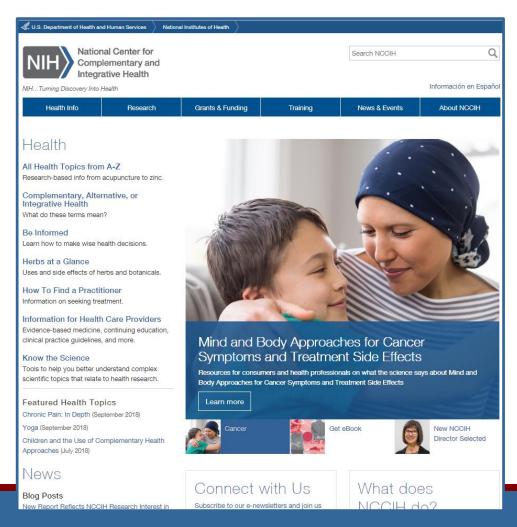


MedlinePlus- herbs and supplements





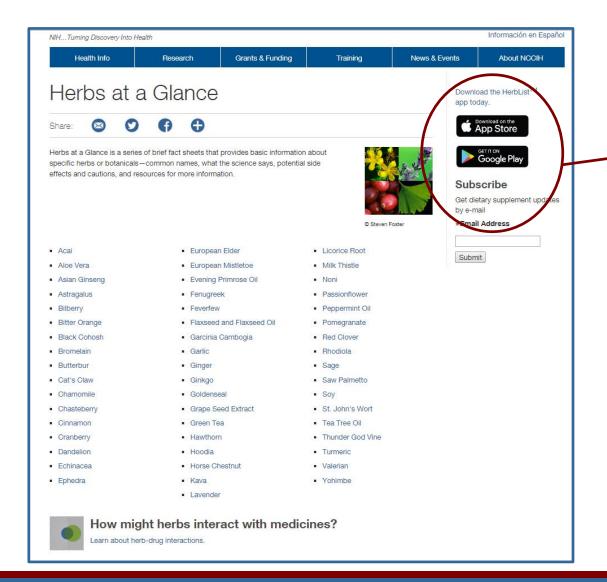
National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH)



- Health topics
- How to make health decisions
- Herbs at a Glance
- Finding a practitioner
- Know the Science



NCCIH- Herbs







NIH...Turning Discovery Into Health

Health Info Research Grants & Funding Training



Share:









Put an herb database in the palm of your hand

Download HerbList™ – NCCIH's app for research-based information about the safety and effectiveness of herbal products.

Download the HerbList app today.





The herb info you need in an on-the-go package

HerbList gives you fast, free access to science-based summaries on more than 50 popular herbs, such as aloe, chamomile, ginger, and turmeric. Features include:

- Information on the herbs' common names, history, and uses, plus what the science says about their effectiveness for health purposes
- · Easy-to-find facts on potntial safety problems, side effects, and herb-drug interactions
- A quick way to select your favorites, so that you can talk about them later with your doctor or pharmacist
- The option to work offline! No Internet connection is required for in-app navigation.

Find out what the science says about popular herbs

Shopping for herbal products? Take your herb database with you to the supermarket or drugstore. With HerbList on your phone or tablet, you'll have information on the science and safety of popular herbs at your fingertips when you need it most.

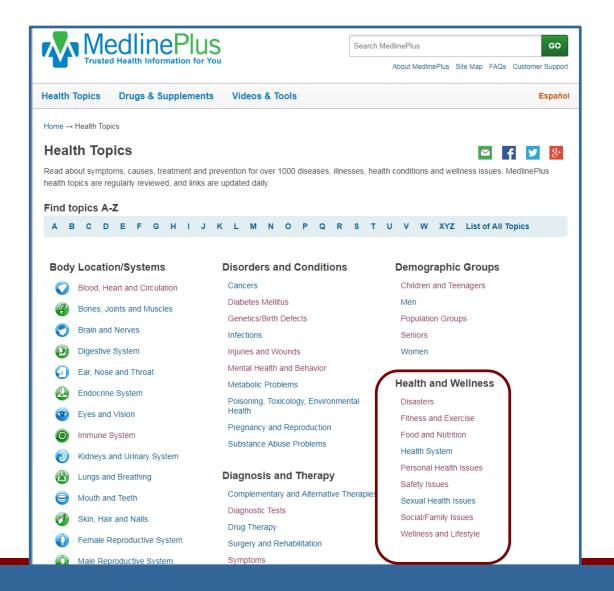
Get the facts about herbs from a trusted source—the National Institutes of Health. Download HerbList to your phone or tablet.

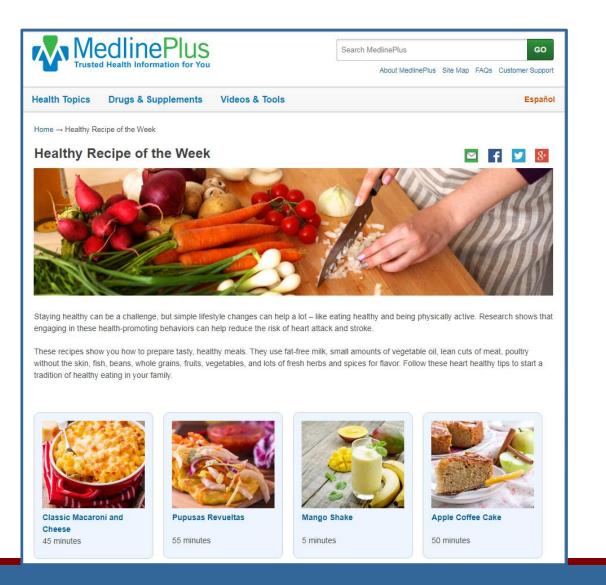
Specific Health Topics

DIET, EXERCISE, CANCER, MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE



MedlinePlus diet and exercise





Go4Life



Go4Life



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Get Started

Try These Exercises

Go to My Go4Life

Get Free Stuff

Be a Partner



Heel-to-Toe Walk



Having good balance is important for many everyday activities, such as going up and down stairs.

- Position the heel of one foot just in front of the toes of the other foot. Your heel and toes should touch or almost touch.
- Choose a spot ahead of you and focus on it to keep you steady as you walk.
- Take a step. Put your heel just in front of the toe of your other foot
- 4. Repeat for 20 steps.

TIP: If you are unsteady on your feet, try doing this exercise near a wall so you can steady yourself if you need to.

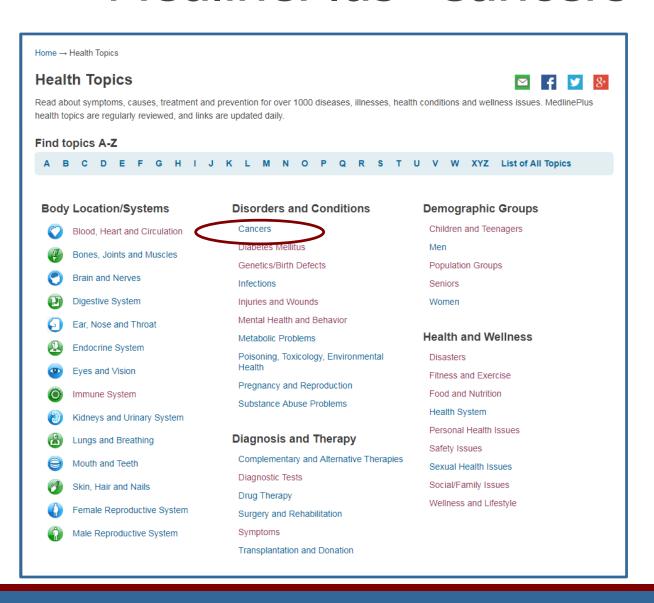


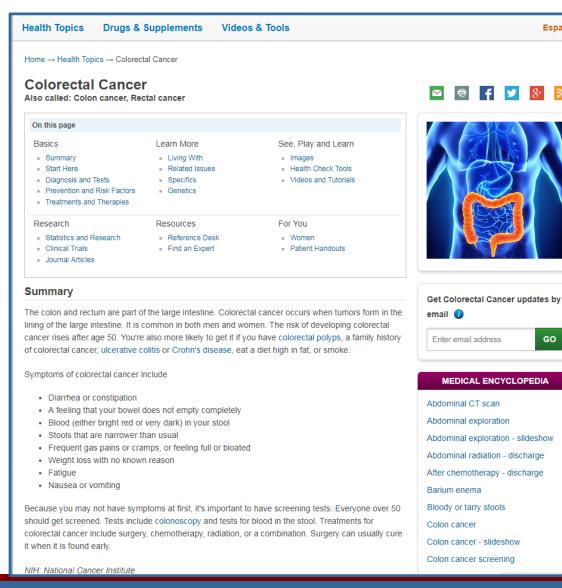
MedlinePlus- Cancers



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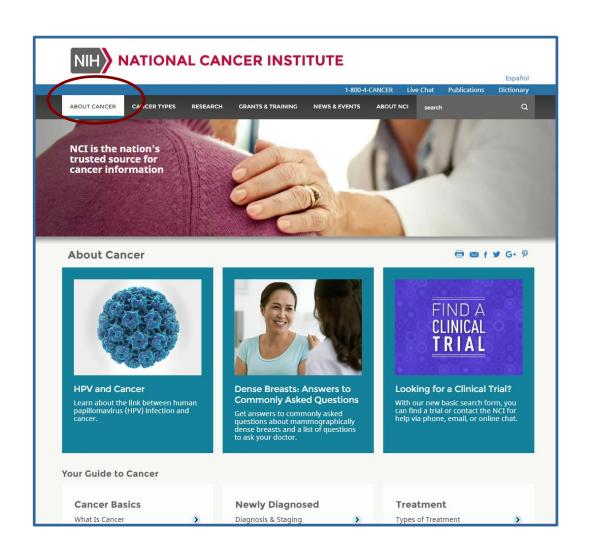
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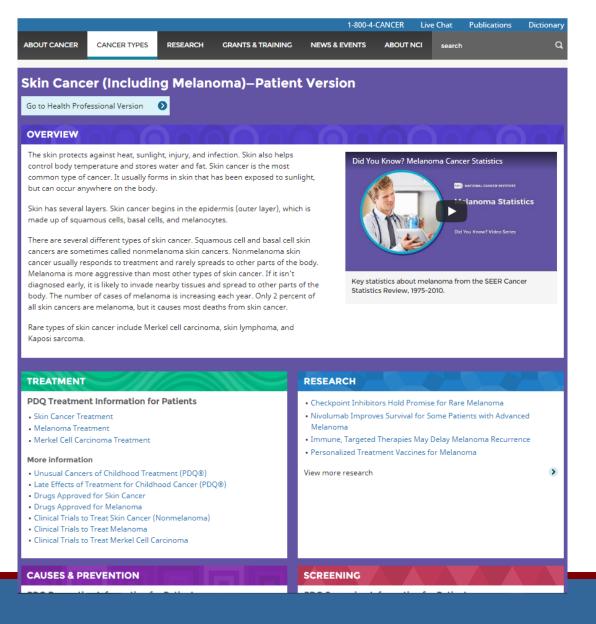




National Cancer Institute

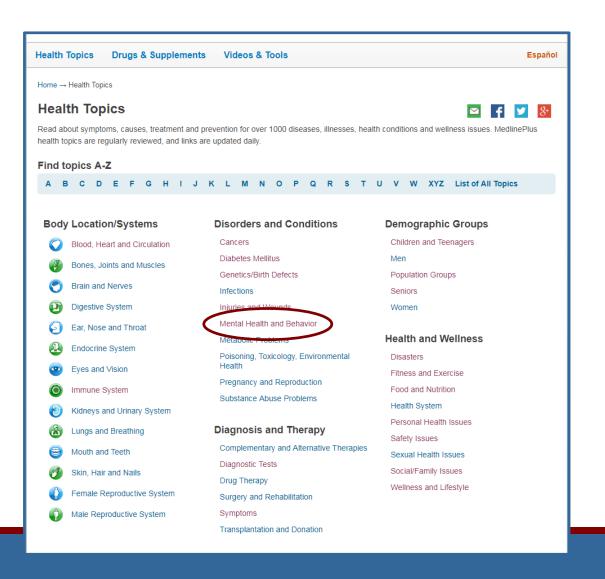


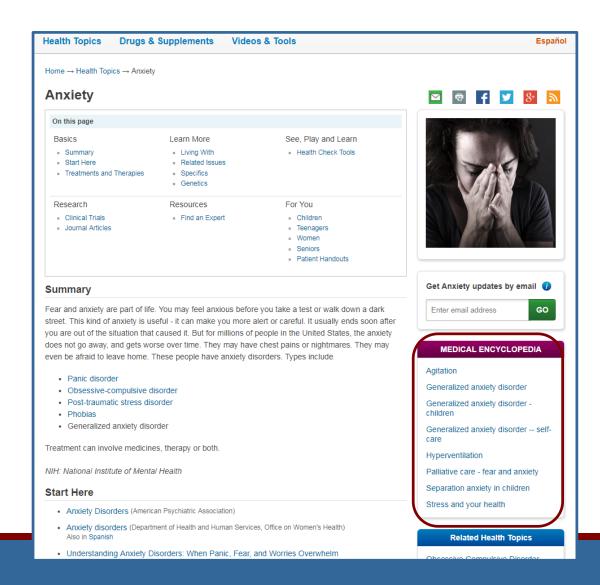






MedlinePlus- Mental/Behavioral Health

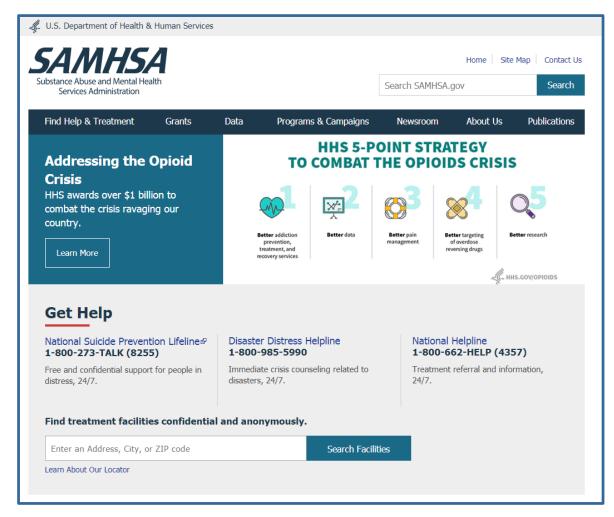






MentalHealth.gov and SAMHSA



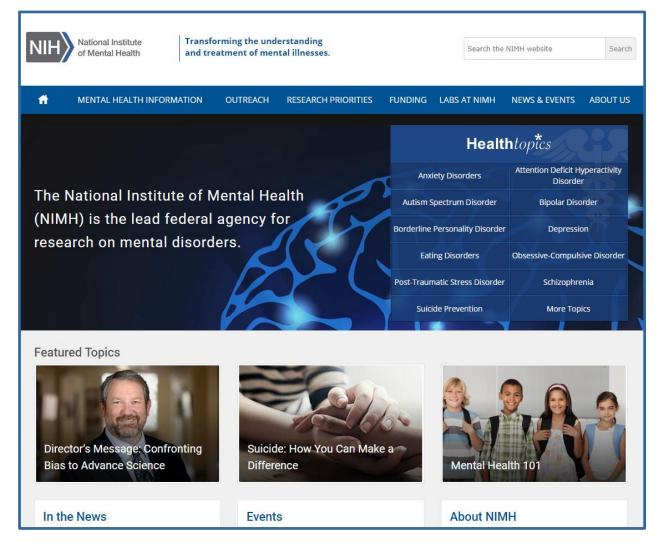


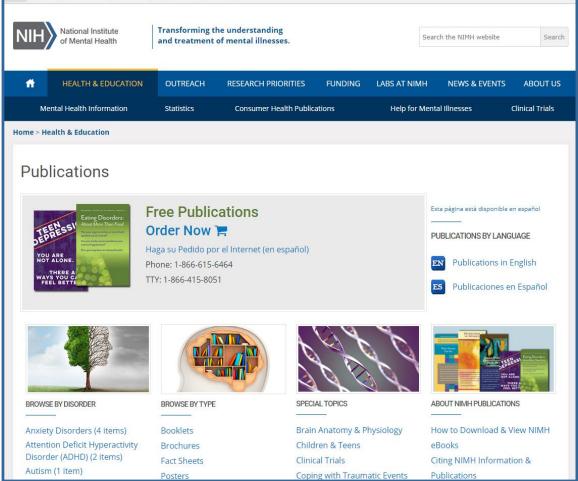
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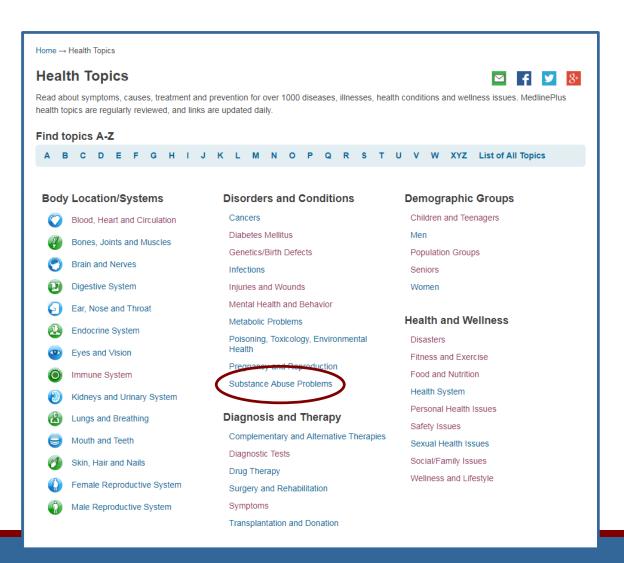
National Institute of Mental Health

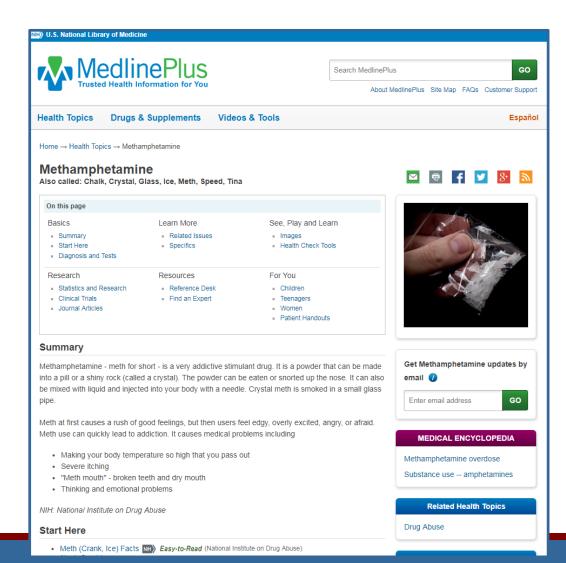






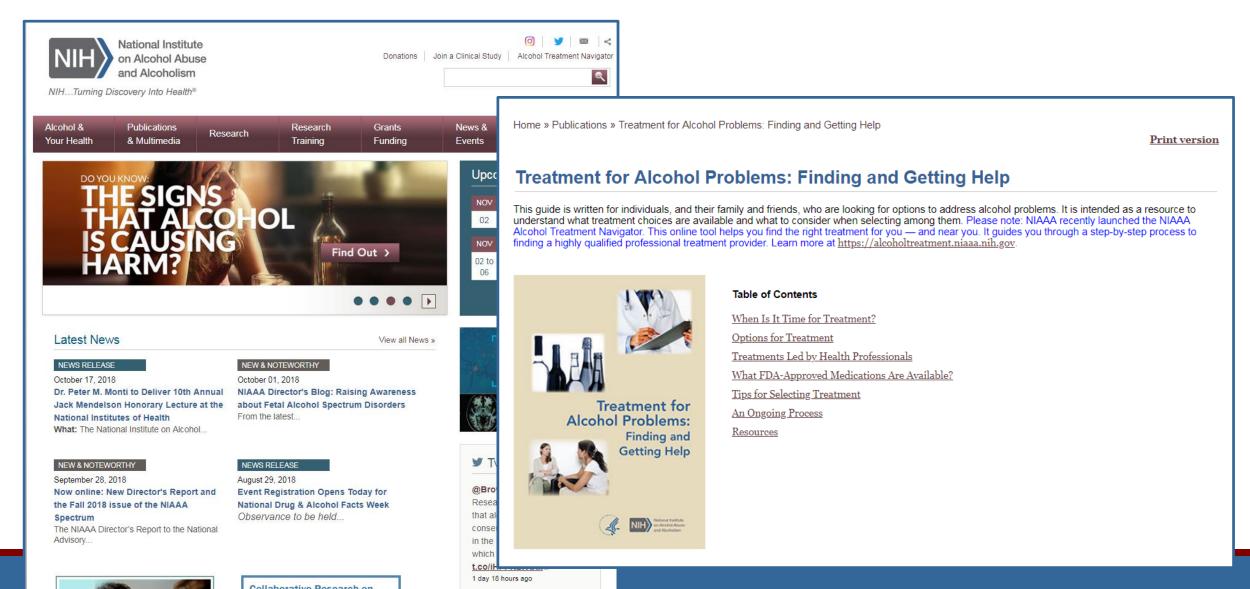
MedlinePlus- Substance Abuse Problems







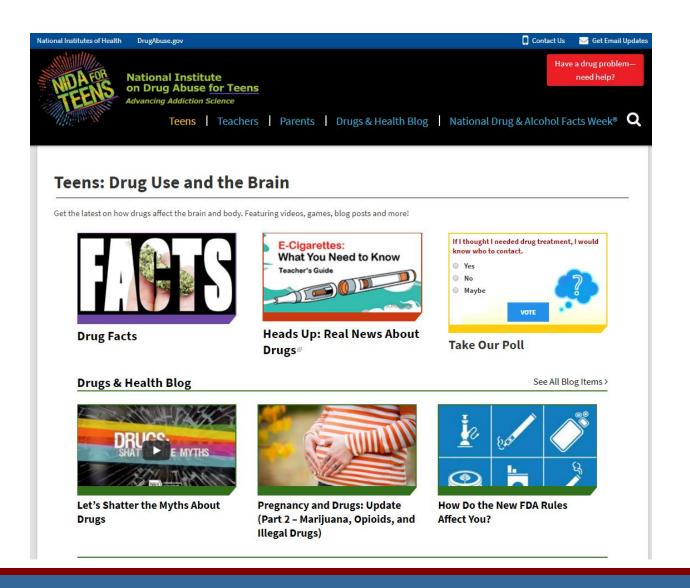
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse & Alcoholism





National Institute on Drug Abuse





Evaluating Health Information



ABCs of Evaluation

- Accuracy
 - Is the information based on sound medical research?
- Authority
 - Who published the page?
- Bias
 - Is the author using data improperly to promote a position or a product?

- Currency
 - When was the page last updated?
- Coverage
 - Are there sources given for additional information?
- Usability
 - Is it user friendly and easy to navigate?

NNLM Consumer Health guides



Trust It or Trash It?



Trust It or Trash It

Health Reference

HEALTH LITERACY, PRIVACY/ETHICS, TIPS



Health Literacy

Library users often ask complicated health questions, but they need non-complicated answers.

"Health literacy is the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions."

Healthy People



Factors Impacting Information-Seeking Behavior

•Patients and caregivers may be fearful, angry, overwhelmed, disillusioned, or depressed. Emotions play a role in how they approach the library staff.

•Factors: age, gender, literacy level, socioeconomic background, culture/ethnicity, language.



Tips for dealing with challenges

Be empathetic

Be aware of body language

Be an active listener

Respect privacy / confidentiality

Use open ended questions

Be prepared for emotions



Health reference guidelines

 Provide a welcoming safe environment Be aware of the limitations of medical information

- Be aware of the person asking the question, but don't make assumptions
- Provide the most complete information to answer the information request

- Get as much information as possible
- Do not interpret medical information or provide advice

 Verify medical terminology in a medical dictionary or encyclopedia

 Refer the patron back to their health care professional

How to use...

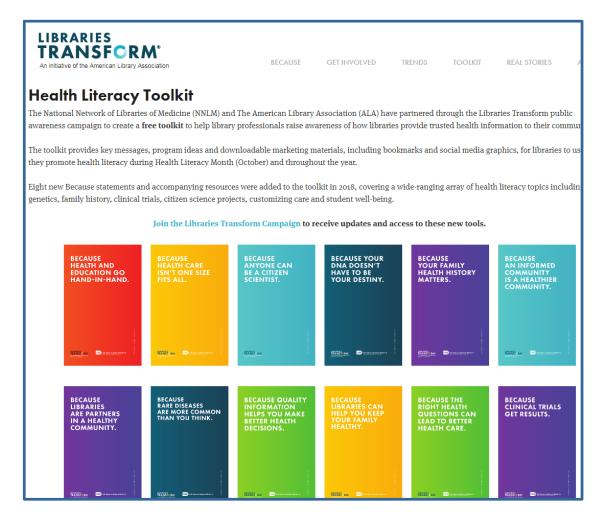
SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Health Observances



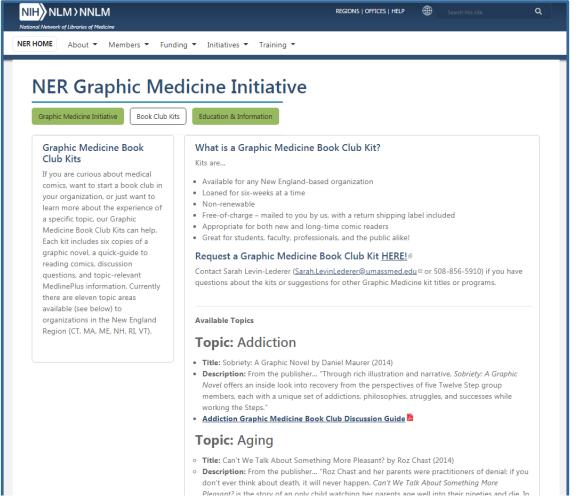
National Health Observances Toolkits



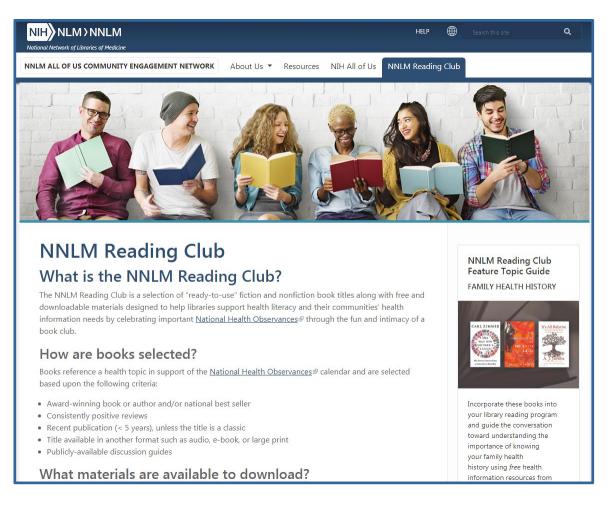


Libraries Transform Health Literacy Toolkit

Book Discussion Kits





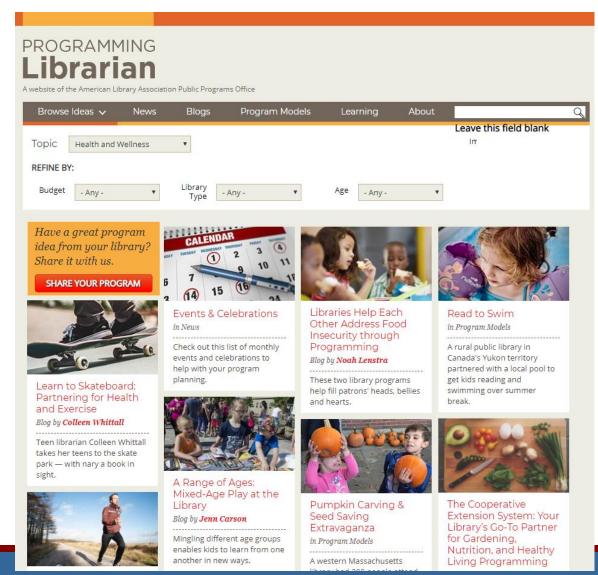


NNLM All of Us Reading Club

Graphic Medicine Book Club Discussion Guides



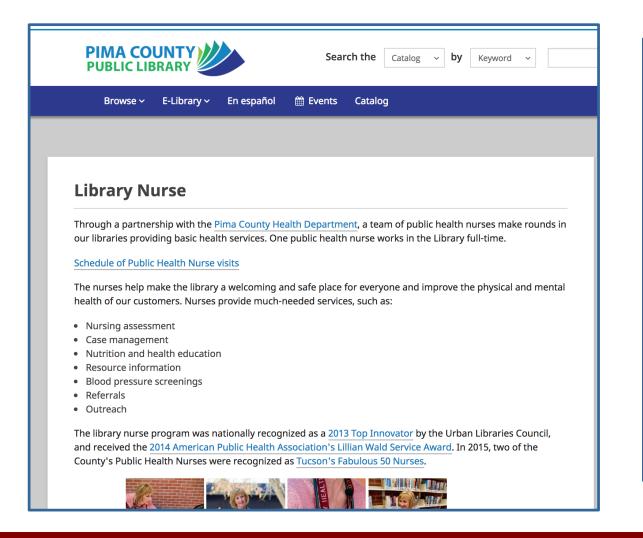
Programming Librarian



Programming Librarian Health and Wellness programs



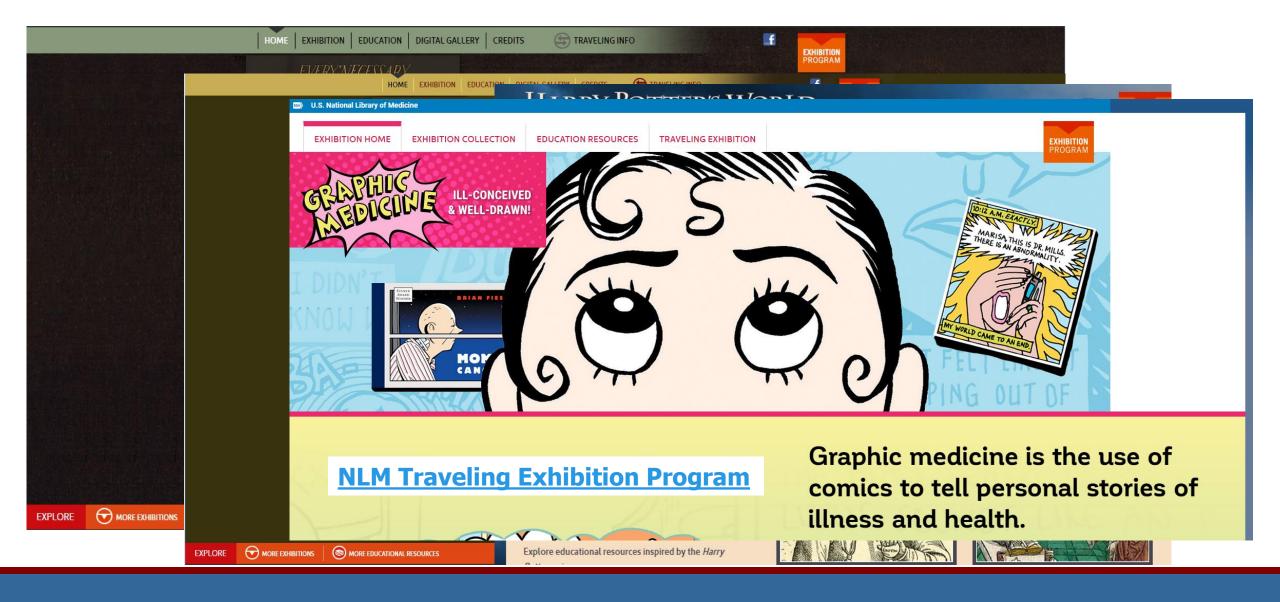
Collaborate







NLM Traveling Exhibits

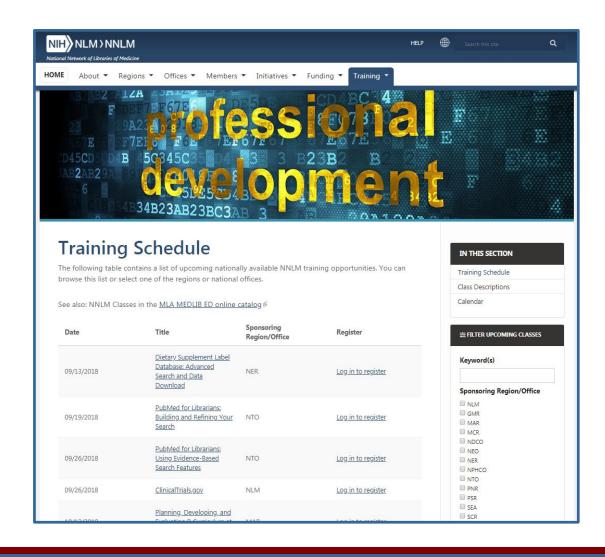


Professional Development

CLASSES, WEBINARS, WEBSITES...



Learn more...



Webinars and Online (synchronous and asynchronous)

- NNLM Resource Picks (NLM resources)
- Substance Use Disorder Webinar Series
- Will Duct Tape Cure My Warts (complementary/alternative medicine)

On Demand Classes:

- EvalBasics (evaluation)
- Grants and Proposal Writing
- Serving Diverse Communities (cultural competency)

NNLM Training Schedule



NNLM and PLA Partnership

PROMOTING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

a health information and health literacy initiative



Stand Up for Health

Health and Wellness Services for Your Community





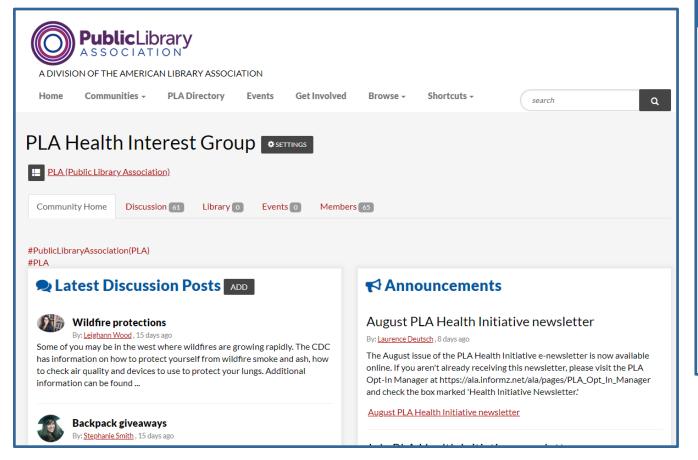
Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS)



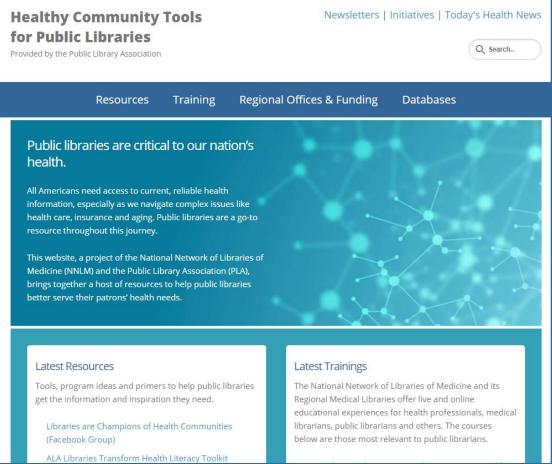
- Stand Up for Health qualifies for level 1
- Good for 3 years
- Builds skills and knowledge in providing consumer health services
- Improves patrons' confidence in staff knowledge
- Improves health literacy and health knowledge of their communities

Consumer Health Information Specialization

Keeping updated







Healthy Community Tools for Public Libraries



In addition...

Bringing Health Information to the Community

Sharing health information resources, news, and issues affecting communities

Blogs, Lists, & Bulletins

- . Dragonfly (PNR blog)
- Bringing Health Information to the Community (BHIC blog)
- . HLIB-NW Discussion List
- MedLib-L Discussion List
- NLM Technical Bulletin
- PNR News (subscribe to PNR's official email announcements >>)

My MedlinePlus Weekly Newsletter





Weekly Digest: October 9, 2018

In the Dragonfly:

Announcing NNLM PNR funding support to attend ALA Midwinter preconference on Health Equity and Health Literacy

The ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services, the Public Library Association, and the National Network of Libraries of Med Health Equity at ALA Midwinter in Seattle, WA on January 25, 2019 from 9am to noon at the Washington State Convention Center. Thank Washington are eligible for a Professional Development Award to attend the preconference. Read more of this post.

October is Health Literacy Month!

It's October – Health Literacy month. We've still much work ahead to improve how we deliver actionable health information for the nine that low health literacy has real-world consequences, since it's well documented that individuals with low health literacy suffer poorer heal which makes addressing this persistent challenge so compelling. Read the post

Educational Opportunities:

In the Shoes of a Fellow: The National Library of Medicine's Associate Fellowship Program: The National Library of Medicine a component. The program is designed to provide a broad foundation in health sciences information services, and to prepare librarians for will discuss the organization of the program, her experiences as an Associate Fellow, and some of the projects she and other fellows wo





Thank You!



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